

Maldonado's commitment to social justice inside and outside the courtroom will continue to be an inspiration to us all.

BETSABE ABIGAIL TORRES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Betsabe Abigail Torres for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Betsabe Abigail Torres is a student at Vantage Point High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Betsabe Abigail Torres is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Betsabe Abigail Torres for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. GEORGE D. VERMEIRE

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2017

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. George D. Vermeire for his exemplary medical care in Pennsylvania. In recognition of his dedication and involvement in the osteopathic medical profession, Dr. Vermeire was named the 106th President of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association.

Dr. Vermeire is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and later achieved his D.O. from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his postgraduate training at Zieger-Botsford Hospitals in Farmington Hills, Michigan, and he has served as a member of the board of trustees. Shortly thereafter, he was elected vice president and president-elect of the Association. He also serves as a delegate of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association and the American Osteopathic Association.

He has distinguished himself as a dedicated family physician and leader of the osteopathic profession, and I honor all of the work Dr. Vermeire accomplished in our community.

I congratulate him on his installation as the 106th President of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association, and wish him the best for a successful and rewarding tenure.

SYLVIE MEI LIM'S ARTWORK SELECTED FOR NASA SPACE CALENDAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sylvie Mei Lim of Katy, TX, for having her artwork selected by NASA's Commercial Crew Program to be featured in a calendar.

Fulfilling her dream of sending something to space, this sixth grade Katy Junior High student's artwork will have the first spot in NASA's Children's Artwork Calendar for the month of January 2017. Her piece will be featured alongside drawings from all over the world, such as Spain, Romania, India, Portugal and London. The calendar will be sent to space for astronauts to enjoy while in the International Space Station. Sylvie's artwork will be the only one from Texas. Way to go.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Sylvie for having her artwork selected for NASA's Children's Artwork Calendar. We are proud to have her artwork represent TX22 in space.

HONORING REVEREND ISAC JACKSON, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Isac Jackson, Jr., who began his formal education at Rogers High School in Canton, Mississippi, receiving his high school diploma in 1965. He attended Prentiss Junior College for two years and completed his undergraduate education at Alcorn State University where he attained a Bachelor of Sciences degree in Elementary Education in 1973.

Before becoming a Minister of the Gospel, Rev. Jackson taught in the Canton Public School System for years. Other experiences consists of: working as Supervisor I, Madison County Food Stamp Office; Instructor at the Mississippi Baptist Seminary Extension and served for one year as Justice Court Judge, in Canton, Mississippi; Drug Coordinator for Canton Public School System; Moderator in the Madison Baptist Association; Executive Secretary of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Mississippi, Inc., served as President of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary and was elected President of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, Inc. in the July 2010 session.

Reverend Jackson is the Pastor of Liberty Missionary Baptist Church in Canton, MS. He is married to Ora Jackson and they have three children: Michal, Ghika (George), and Isac, III.

During Reverend Jackson's struggle, he stated, ". . . And He said unto them, Go ye into the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (St. Mark 16:15). 'Every individual on God's earth feels that they are in charge of their destiny and that they know what is best for them. God, being as mighty as He is,

sometimes has other plans for us. Until our faith is accepted, there is often a constant struggle between God and man—with God being the victor.'" After his struggle was over, Reverend Jackson began his ministry in 1978. One of his favorite scriptures is: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (Timothy 2:15)." Reverend Jackson elected to further his knowledge in the teachings of the Almighty at the Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, where he received a Master of Divinity Degree. Reverend Jackson received his Doctor of Ministry degree in May, 1999. His dissertation for the degree is entitled the "Discipling of Black Men Within the Local Church".

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Reverend Isac Jackson, Jr.

IN HONOR OF THE WESTERVILLE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BOWLING TEAM

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2017

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Westerville Central High School Boys Bowling team for winning the Division I Boys Bowling Tournament.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSA state level competitions have represented the most dedicated and accomplished athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the long ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

The Westerville Central Boys Bowling team's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of success is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. They have set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Westerville Central High School can be extremely proud of their performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate the boys bowling team on their state championship. I wish them continued success in both their athletic and academic endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT PATRICK O'MALLEY

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2017

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Patrick O'Malley of the Pomona Police Department for his unyielding commitment to improve the lives of residents in my district every single day.

Sgt. O'Malley may be a native of the Sunshine State, but it is our Golden State that has been the beneficiary of his strong work ethic and compassionate character since he moved here in 1971. He started his career as a police

officer with the L.A. County Sheriff's Department Academy in 1991, graduating a year later in 1992. In 1993, my district received a wonderful addition when Sgt. O'Malley joined the Pomona Police Department. Since then, he has continued his life-long devotion to public service through his career in law enforcement of more than 25 years.

While Sgt. O'Malley has had a commendable career with numerous assignments including the Gang Team, Patrol Operations, Traffic Bureau, Detective Bureau, and the MAIT Investigation team, perhaps his most admirable assignment came when he met BreAunna Barnett.

"An angel with a badge," is the phrase that BreAunna's mother, Leanne, uses to refer to Sgt. O'Malley. Mr. Speaker, in what could only be described as a mother's worst fear, Leanne almost lost her daughter to the drug addiction epidemic that plagues our country today. The unequivocal love of a mother and the pure integrity of an officer brought Leanne and Sgt. O'Malley together. While many would have given up, Sgt. O'Malley committed himself to finding and helping BreAunna.

When he found BreAunna she initially rejected his attempts to help, but that did not stop Sgt. O'Malley, who refused to give up. Over time, Sgt. O'Malley gained her trust and eventually helped her receive proper treatment. Even after recovery, Sgt. O'Malley still continued to check up on BreAunna.

In the most tumultuous of times, we find hope in individuals like Sgt. O'Malley, the very same hope that BreAunna experienced. Yes, indeed, he is an angel with a badge.

Sgt. O'Malley's case is especially relevant and worth highlighting in the environment that we find ourselves today where communities' distrust in police officers has reached unprecedented levels. The positive work that our police officers perform often goes unnoticed, and instead we only see the negative. We look to stories like that of Sgt. O'Malley's to remind us that the simple act of caring goes a long way and that taking a community policing approach works.

Sgt. O'Malley did not shy away from a challenge and is a reminder that we too should not shy away from helping each other out.

For his endless contributions and commitment to my community, and because he teaches us to go above and beyond what is asked, I would like to recognize Sergeant Patrick O'Malley on the House floor today.

RECOGNIZING WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2017

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Margaret L. Williams Developmental Evaluation Center of the Upstate Medical Center Golisano Children's Hospital for its World Autism Awareness Day event on April 2nd.

This year marks the third year that the Center has worked with the Central New York community to light up notable Downtown Syracuse buildings in blue to highlight the beginning of April as World Autism Month.

Light it Up Blue is a unique, global campaign to increase understanding and accept-

ance of autism. Thousands of iconic landmarks, buildings, and community centers nationwide "Light it Up Blue" in support of individuals living with autism and to help promote understanding and acceptance of autism.

While there is no known cause or cure for autism, increased awareness of the multiple types of autism spectrum disorder enables families to seek early and proper treatment.

I commend the Margaret L. Williams Developmental Evaluation Center of the Upstate Medical Center Golisano Children's Hospital for its efforts to support and enhance autism awareness in Central New York.

BRANDON LUJAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Brandon Lujan for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Brandon Lujan is a 12th grader at Mapleton School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Brandon Lujan is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Brandon Lujan for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HEADLAND'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2017

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor First Baptist Church (FBC) of Headland in Headland, Alabama upon its 150th Anniversary.

In 1867, eight people in a small village formerly known as "Heads Land" gathered to establish what was then known as The Baptist Church of Christ at Bethlehem, led by Reverend Thomas Scott. The church officially took the name of "The First Baptist Church, Headland, Alabama" in December of 1969. It has been housed at three separate locations, with its current home residing on East Church Street. The church campus has expanded with the additions of a Sunday School Annex, a Children's Building, a pastorium which now serves as church offices, and a Ministry Center. From its humble beginnings, the church has now grown to a current membership of 1,068, making it the largest church in Henry County.

Over the years, FBC Headland has expanded its reach with its TV Ministry, Food

Pantry, Child Development Center, Church Counseling Ministry, and multiple Worship Services and Sunday School Classes. FBC Headland's mission statement is "Glorifying God by Knowing Christ and Making Him Known," and I commend them for their dedication to ministries that do just that.

The City of Headland is fortunate to have had the touch of FBC Headland upon its community for 150 years. FBC Headland has been an example of the faithfulness and providence of the Lord and I am excited to see what He will do through their ministry in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize First Baptist Church of Headland's 150 years of fellowship, worship, and service.

HOUSTON METHODIST WEST HOSPITAL EARNs FIVE STAR SERVICE AWARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Houston Methodist West Hospital for receiving the 2016 Exemplary Five Star Service Award by the Texas Department of State Health Services' Vital Statistics Unit.

Houston Methodist West earned this award for its birth registration achievements for the sixth year in a row. This prestigious award recognizes excellence in certification and training, customer service, timeliness, and accuracy in filing birth certificates. Houston Methodist West is one of only 10 hospitals in Texas to receive the Exemplary Five Star Service Award.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Houston Methodist West Hospital for receiving the Five Star Service Award. We all benefit from their commitment to quality healthcare and we thank them for their hard work to keep Houstonians healthy.

DANIELLE HERRERA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Danielle Herrera for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Danielle Herrera is a student at Northglenn High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Danielle Herrera is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Danielle Herrera for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.